

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the application in light of the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2011 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-11 and 15-23 are pending and Claim 9 is rejected in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action of all pending claims in view of the following.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-8, 10-11, and 15-23 are allowed. Claims 1-8, 10-11, and 15-12 have been amended only as requested by the Examiner to address certain objections to the claims and rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-8, 10-11, and 15-12 remain in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 10, 11, 21, 22, and 23 are objected to because of certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner requests that the acronyms HTTP and SNMP should be defined as Hypertext Transfer Protocol and Simple Network Management Protocol. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 10, 11, 21, 22, and 23 to address the issues identified by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claims be withdrawn.

Claim 6 is objected to because of informalities. Specifically, the Examiner requests a distinction be made between the "and/or" recited in Claim 6. Applicants have amended Claim 6 to address the issue identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claim be withdrawn.

Statements Relating to 35 U.S.C. § 101

Regarding Claims 1, 9, 10, 21, 22, and 23, the *Office Action* notes that Claims 1, 9, 10, and 23 recite a "machine-readable non-transitory medium" and that Claims 21 and 22 recite a "non-transitory program storage device." With regard to Claims 1, 9, 10, and 23, the *Office Action* states that "[i]n the absence of any other modifying disclosure of this limitation in the specification, the 'machine-readable non-transitory medium' is limited to statutory embodiments only such that it satisfies the terms of 35 U.S.C. § 101." With regard to Claims 21 and 22, the *Office Action* states that "[i]n the absence of any other modifying disclosure of

this limitation in the specification, the ‘non-transitory program storage device’ is limited to statutory embodiments only such that it satisfies the terms of 35 U.S.C. § 101. (*Office Action*, pages 2-4). Applicants respectfully submit that the identified claim language is statutory and should be interpreted in a manner that complies with controlling authority.

Section 103 Rejections

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0143755 to Wynblatt et al (“*Wynblatt*”) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,219,708 to Martenson (“*Martenson*”). Applicants have cancelled Claim 9 (without prejudice or disclaimer), rendering this rejection of Claim 9 moot.

No Waiver

All of Applicant’s arguments are without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserves the right to discuss the distinctions between the applied art and the claims in a later Response or on Appeal, if appropriate. By not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner’s additional statements. The example distinctions discussed by Applicants are sufficient to overcome the rejections.


CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Jenni R. Moen, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 415-4820.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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